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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES  
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MEMORANDUM for the Commissioner,  
Office of Indian Affairs.

The Board has under consideration the nomenclature of the mountains extending from Jicarilla, New Mexico, on the north to Guadalupe Point, Texas, on the south through Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, and Eddy Counties, New Mexico, into Culberson County, Texas. Since the mountains in question are partly within the bounds of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, we wish to have the view of the Office of Indian Affairs on the following:

- a. In local usage is the term Sacramento Mountains a general overall term which includes as subdivisions the Guadalupe Mountains, the Sierra Blanca, and the Jicarilla Mountains?
- b. In local usage is the name Sacramento Mountains limited to the west facing escarpment lying between the Guadalupe Mountains on the south and the Sierra Blanca on the north?
- c. If question "b" is answered affirmatively, do the Guadalupe Mountains, the Sacramento Mountains, the Sierra Blanca and the Jicarilla Mountains have sufficient identity to warrant individual names?
- d. Within the bounds of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation is there a definite topographic break between the Sacramento Mountains and the Sierra Blanca?

Do you have any information on the origin of the names of the mountains in question? Any information that you can supply pertinent to the problem will be appreciated.

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Mr. Bertrand.

